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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138 Carson City, Nevada 89706

Notice of Proposed Action by the State of Nevada

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Leeville Infiltration Project, a water treatment and management facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit NEV2002105 is:

Newmont Mining Corporation Leeville Infiltration Project P.O. Box 669 Carlin, Nevada 89822

The facility, known as the Leeville Infiltration Project, is located in portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, and 12, Township 35 North, Range 49 East; Sections 33 and 34, T36N, R49E; and Sections 2, 3, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 17, T35N, R50E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 18 miles northwest of the town of Carlin in north-central Eureka County, Nevada.

The project consists of 14 dewatering wells, a double-synthetic-lined surge pond with leak detection, a water treatment plant with secondary containment, two (2) double-synthetic-lined and leak detected treated water settling ponds, a solids disposal pipeline with lined containment ditch, a treated water discharge pipeline system, and associated tanks, interconnecting pipelines, ditches, pumps, sumps, and containment for the conveyance and control of fluids within the facility. Treated water is conveyed by the discharge pipeline system to the Barrick Goldstrike Mines Boulder Valley Recirculation Project facilities (NEV95114) for discharge. Settling pond solids are conveyed by pipeline and discharged into containment within the Mill 4 Tailings Storage Facility 2

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(NEV92100). Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (03 March, 2003) to:

Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation Capitol Complex 333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138 Carson City, NV 89706-0851

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Miles Shaw at (775) 687-9409, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit our website at http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.html.